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SUBJECT: 29TH MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION  
(IWC; JUNE 20-24, CANBERRA)

1. REQUEST CANBERRA CONTACT MR. ARTHUR BOLLEN, CHAIRMAN  
OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) TO RAISE TWO  
QUESTIONS: (A) WHEN WILL AUSTRALIAN PAPER ON 200 MILE ZONE  
BE AVAILABLE AND COULD USG RECEIVE A COPY IN ADVANCE OF  
SUBJECT MEETING? PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 18 ON AGENDA FOR  
SUBJECT MEETING. (B) WILL A MEETING BE HELD TO PREPARE A  
FINAL DRAFT TEXT OF CONVENTION FOR A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES?

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2. FYI: IN RELATION SECOND QUESTION, USG HAS LEARNED THAT  
CHAIRMAN BOLLEN ORIGINALLY PLANNED FULL MEETING OF IWC  
WORKING GROUP ON CONVENTION CHANGES WEEK BEFORE JUNE MEETING  
OF IWC ITSELF. SINCE WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN CHAIRED BY  
AMBASSADOR RINDAL OF NORWAY AND HE CANNOT BE PRESENT FEW  
DAYS PRIOR TO IWC MEETING, CHAIRMAN BOLLEN FEELS WORKING  
GROUP CANNOT MEET UNTIL SUBJECT MEETING COMMENCES, PERHAPS

IN THE EVENING. SITUATION AND U.S. POSITION ON MATTER ARE AS FOLLOWS: WORKING GROUP ON CONVENTION CHANGES BEGAN MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1974 AND CONSIDERED, AMONG OTHER PROPOSALS, USG PAPER ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN IWC CONVENTION. U.S. PAPER HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AT 1973 ANNUAL MEETING OF IWC. WORKING GROUP ENDEAVORED TO REACH AS MUCH AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE ON DRAFT TEXT TO BE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION AT A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES. AT 1976 MEETING OF IWC IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT IWC MEMBER NATIONS WERE ESSENTIALLY AGREED THAT THE TEXT PREPARED BY THE WORKING GROUP WAS SUFFICIENT TO BE PRESENTED TO OTHER NATIONS PRIOR TO A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES. HOWEVER, MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WERE GIVEN A FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TEXT. AS A RESULT OF USG REVIEW, WE SUBMITTED A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL IDEAS AND MODIFICATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVED WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE TEXT. USG HAS MAINTAINED POSITION THAT THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES WOULD CONDUCT DECISIVE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS IN THE DRAFT TEXT IN AREAS OF PRESENT DISAGREEMENT ARE TO BE EXPECTED. END FYI.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER INDICATE THAT USG CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT USG PROPOSED CHANGES BE INCORPORATED AS ALTERNATIVES IN DRAFT TEXT OF NEW CONVENTION. IN OUR VIEW, FURTHER WORKING GROUP NEGOTIATION OF THESE CHANGES IS NOT NECESSARY. IT IS ESSENTIAL HOWEVER THAT A NEW PAPER SETTING FORTH THE DRAFT TEXT IN AN EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE FORMAT, INCLUDING ALL ALTERNATIVES (INCLUDING THOSE SUBMITTED BY U.S.), BE DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED TO THE 29TH SESSION SO UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT IT CAN SUBSEQUENTLY BE SENT TO OTHER NATIONS PRIOR TO A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES. USG IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SMALL EDITORIAL GROUP TO PUT THE EXISTING DOCUMENTS INTO SUCH A NEW DRAFT TEXT FORMAT DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE 29TH MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CANADIAN DELEGATE HAS INDICATED TO IWC SECRETARY, DR. GAMBELL, A SIMILAR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST. VANCE

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